

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner requires an election between species as categorized by the Examiner, namely, between the species represented by Figs. 1, 2 and 3. The Examiner has also categorized a fourth species which arises from the claims which mention a third bellows. The applicant has amended the claims to recite two sets of hermetic sealing devices or bellows as shown in Figs. 1-3.

In response to the Office Action, the applicant elects, with traverse, the species pertaining to Fig. 1 as categorized by the Examiner, and the applicant further elects claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9-14, 16-22, 24, 26, 38-52, and new claims 53-56 for prosecution in the subject application, which read on this species as categorized by the Examiner and/or are generic.

Each of the Examiner's requirements has been addressed or traversed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,



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